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CONCERNING THE HYDERABAD QUESTION

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The delegation of Hyderabad views with satisfaction the attitude adopted by the Security Council at its meeting of 20th September. We understand the view of the Security Council to be that the invasion of Hyderabad by India, being an act of force, can confer no legal rights upon India; that the Council took note of the declaration of the Indian delegate that the sole purpose of the intervention of India was to restore order and to create conditions for a free expression of the will of the people of Hyderabad; and that the Council retains the question of Hyderabad on its agenda.

2. The events which have occurred since the last meeting of the Security Council have shown that the Government of India and the Indian occupation authorities in Hyderabad are determined not to act in accordance with the declaration of the delegate of India. They have introduced most important constitutional and administrative changes not related in any way to the avowed purpose of maintaining internal order. They have compelled the Nizam to surrender complete power to the Indian Military Commander. They have removed the principal administrative officers in most districts of Hyderabad. They have assumed full military control of the country. They have issued instructions to the Agents-General of Hyderabad abroad to suspend their activities. It is clear that the occupation is being used for effecting purposes entirely alien and, in fact, contrary, to its alleged purpose and inconsistent with the declaration of the Indian delegate to the Security Council. In addition there are reports, substantiated from Indian sources, that a regime of victimization and persecution has already begun.

3. In these circumstances it is imperative that a meeting of the Security Council be called to review the situation and to put a stop to the extension of the scope of the fait accompli with which the Council has been presented. It is possible that, in view of the strict censorship and complete black-out of impartial news, the Security Council may find it desirable to appoint its own observers for the purpose of keeping itself informed of the trend of events in Hyderabad.

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